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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Science and Technology ;

(b) if so, the main features thereof ;

(c) the areas in which the Russia would provide technology to India ;

(d) whether 12 year old programme in this sector expiring during 2000 is likely to be renewed ; and

(e) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) (b) (c) (d) and (e) An Integrated Long Term Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology between India and erstwhile Soviet Union (ILTP) was concluded in July 1987 at the apex level for implementation upto year 2000.After the formation of Russian Federation, ILTP was renamed as Integrated Long Term Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology between India and Russia in April 1992.

Renewal of ILTP is expected some time during this year and an agreed draft is presently being worked out by both the governments.

ILTP covers cooperation in science and technology in the areas of Biotechnology and Immunology; Materials Science and Technology (Engineering Materials); Materials and Technology for Electronics; Laser Science & Technology; Catalysis; Space Science & Technology; Physics, Technology and Applications of Accelerators; Water Technology; Computers & Electronics; Biomedical Science & Technology; Radioelectronics; Ocean Science and Technology; Mathematics; Theoretical and Applied Mechanics; Earth Sciences; Radiophysics and Astrophysics; Ecology & Environment; Chemical Sciences and Biology. Currently 130 projects are being implemented under ILTP. Some of these projects are aimed at transfer of technology to industry by Russian scientific and production institutes.